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Dear Harold,

First, my apologies for not replying some time ago. I don't want to become a Silent George. I can't even communicate with the latter myself. I've tried calling him both at his home and at the hospital and am never able to get him. As for Malvina, her phone is disconnected, and I don't have the slightest idea where she is (as you know, she and George ~~were~~ were living apart). What I intend to do now is write George care of the hospital (I am told he still works ~~there~~) and include a copy of your letter of 11/8/69 and ask him a few questions.

Now, money. To try to simplify the problem in my own mind, I am breaking it into three parts: (1) honorarium, (2) travel expenses, (3) book sales.

1. honorarium. The Experimental College at San Diego State College tells me that ~~you~~ they wrote you a check for \$80. If you have no record of this, I'll try to get them to check on exactly when this was written, the number of the check, whether it cleared the bank, etc. As for any ~~maximum~~ honorarium for your appearance at UCSD, this is something I'll try to find out from George.
2. travel expenses. This is the part that is an utter and complete mystery to me. I have absolutely no recollection of ~~you~~ making a promise to pay your air fare, etc. I don't see how George could have possibly thought that we could ~~maxx~~ afford that kind of money. Another thing that I have to try to find out from him.
3. books. Here is where I see a clear obligation, as I told you before, the main reason being that we have sold most of your books, although I think a few of them were given to people. Out of the 64 Whitewash books we have only 12 remaining, and out of the 50 Oswald in N.O. books, we have only 2. I believe, by the way, that you made a mistake on the consignment record that you sent me: the total for the 64 Whitewash books actually comes to \$158.40 rather than 153.40. Thus the over-all total is also \$5 more or 186.65. Of this I have paid you \$25, and I intend to pay the full amount even if it has to come out of my own pocket, which apparently it will. Enclosed is \$25 more, which is all that I can afford at the moment.

Your criticisms of our last newsletter (2:4) are probably valid. Being an amateur in this business and not having the first-hand information that you do, I have no way of checking your allegations against Jones, Craig, and Joesten, but I assume that there is some truth to them. However, in the case of Jones and Craig, I can't help asking myself the old question of what are they to gain by misrepresenting things and I answer nothing, except maybe the dubious pleasure of leading a life that is constantly full of risk and danger. I realize that in the case of Jones you believe that he is "sick" and you offer me evidence. I don't think I want to see it. What I plan to do is write Jones and ask to get on his mailing list--we've never been on it--and maybe ask him some questions

about Craig and the photograph, and possibly I can form my own conclusions about his mental health. This is not a slam against you; it's just that on questions of this sort I think that one has to find out for himself.

I see in the L.A. Free Press (2/13/70, p. 20) that the book Coup d' Etat!, written by Stanley J. Marks, "one of the nation's leading authorities on the Kennedy-King-Kennedy Conspiracy," is due to come out ~~XXXX~~ this April. May I assume that Stanley J. Marks is none other than Harold Weisberg? When you have a free moment, I wonder if you could answer some questions for me. First, ~~why~~ why the nom de plume? Do you have any objection to our mentioning the forthcoming publication in our newsletter and mentioning you by your real name? Will portions of your book be serialized by the Free Press? Was this Free Press article actually written by you? Is there any chance that we could serialize a few pieces, too, perhaps advertising your book for those who would like to send for pre-publication copies? I imagine that out of our list of about 1500 maybe 1000 would be interested enough to do this (if it's not too expensive).

By the way, is that Ferrie letter that we quoted from Confidential for real?

Yours for Truth,

